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The Abused and Maligned Youngest Wife of the Padişah

*malignant & powerful
youngest inter successful*

There was a padişah in one land, and in the same land there were three sisters. These three sisters one day were sitting and embroidering when the padişah happened to pass by. As they saw the padişah, the eldest sister said, "I would make a rug for the padişah if he married me."

Then the second sister said, "I would make a big tent for the padişah if he married me.

And the third one said, "I would give the padişah a very beautiful daughter and a very handsome son if he married me. I would have such a beautiful daughter and such a beautiful son that either one could say to the moon, 'You or I shall rise.'"

Beaut conferred to the moon

The padişah learned about this, and married them all and gave them a try. The first one could not make the rug. And the second one could not make the tent. But the third one gave birth to a baby boy and a baby girl just as she had said they would be, so beautiful that they could say to the moon, "Either you rise, or I."

The two older sisters were so jealous of the youngest one that they brought a witch to help them wrap the babies in something and throw them into the river. They had their youngest sister ^{Buried-alive} buried up to the neck in earth, and then they had her stoned. After throwing the babies into the river, they brought two puppies to the padişah and said, "Here are your two children," and they gave the puppies to the padişah in place of the children.

Body - substituted

One day a peasant and his wife were working in their field and they saw the two children in the water, and they saved them. It seems they did not have any children of their own, and they were very happy to find these children. They took them home with them, and they took very good care of them, and they thanked their God for having given them these two babies. *retitude*

The children grew up, and the girl helped in the house and the boy wood outside. One day the woman said to her husband, "How lucky we are that God gave us these children, although He did not give us any children of our own." The girl heard them talk like that, and she ran to her brother and said, "Listen, brother. This is what they were saying. So it means they are not our own father and mother. Let us run away!"

So the sister and brother ran away. They walked and walked, and finally they came to a place where there was a deserted house. They went in, and there was nothing in there. The boy had a gun of his own, so every day he would go out and kill one bird, and they would eat that one bird; there was nothing else.

One day a witch came there and said to the girl, "What are you doing here? Why do you stay here all by yourself?"

"Well, my brother is gone to kill a bird for us to eat.

"Oh," said the witch. "Why do you not tell your brother to go to such and such a place where there are fairies living? Ask your brother to bring you a fairy to keep you company. Tell him that you do not want to be left all by yourself." *Jack*

When her brother came, she asked her brother to bring her one of those fairy girls who lived in such and such a place. So he started to get a fairy for his sister. As he was going on his way, he met a saint, ⁷⁹⁻⁸⁰ Hızır Ali Selah [the saint who grants wishes at the last moment]. Hızır Ali Selah asked him where he was going, and the boy told him. So Hızır Ali Selah gave him a horse

to ride on, and he also gave him some advice. He said, "When you get to the fairies' house and knock at the door, a fairy girl will open it. Do not go into the house. Just grab the girl by the arm and throw her over your saddle and ride away fast" *Advice*

So that is what the boy did. He rode to the fairies' house and knocked at the door, and when a fairy girl opened the door, without saying anything he grabbed her by the arm, threw her over his saddle, and came home with her.

In a few days he was out hunting his daily bird when he saw the padişah. When he came back, he said to his sister, "I have seen the padişah roaming around with two dogs. I think that is my father, because I feel it in my bones. I want to ask him to eat with us one day." *Subconscious affinity with relative*

On the other hand, the padişah went to his palace and said, "When I am out in the forest I see a boy, and I feel it in my bones that he is my own son."

Again, the boy said to his sister, "I feel it in my bones that he is our father. Let us ask him to eat with us one day."

And the girl said, "Are you crazy? How can you invite anybody to a one-bird dinner? We have nothing to eat."

The fairy girl said, "It is all right. I shall have enough food for everyone. I shall make the food ready for you." So the fairy got the food ready--a roomful of food and they invited the padişah. The padişah came and they had dinner together, and he invited them in return.

At the palace, everybody sat at the table except the fairy. When they asked her why she was not sitting, she said, "I will not sit because there are dogs in the room."

The padişah said, "No, they are not dogs. They are my children."

And the fairy knew all about this, and she said, "No, they are not your children. These are your children. When they were born, the two elder sisters" *Puzzled & nibbles on finger & advice*

had them thrown into the river by a witch, and then they brought you these dogs fooling you.

The padişah became very angry when he heard this, and he ^{greatly} had the two elder sisters tied to the tails of forty mules. The mules were whipped, and the sisters were dragged all over. Then they went and got the children's mother out of the ground and dressed her all up, and she became as she was before. She was saved, and they all lived happily ever after.